

The Men of the Merrimac.

Uncle Sam takes off his hat to Richmond P. Hobson and the seven men who accompanied him on the Merrimac into the harbor of Santiago. They displayed the highest quality of daring. Most men will fight when blows are given and taken, but serene courage is required for a service like that of the Merrimac. Proceeding under a shower of shot, to which they were unable to reply, these men carried their vessel forward to the appointed place, arranged for its sinking in the channel and calmly left it. They were in danger from the missiles hurled by the batteries and from the mines with which the channel is strewn. At any moment the roar of an explosion beneath their ship might salute them to another world. And they knew that if they succeeded to the utmost, the best they could hope for was to deliver themselves up to the enemy. Let us thank God that American valor and patriotism still rise equal to any occasion, and let us breathe a prayer of thankfulness that those who dared and did are spared to us and to the world, which is better and nobler that they live in it.

Admiral Cervera's recognition of the bravery of his adversaries was the act of a gentleman and a soldier. He immediately sent a flag of truce to notify Admiral Sampson that the Merrimac volunteers were held as prisoners of war and would be exchanged, when desired, for Spanish prisoners. It was a bit of fine feeling to inform the American commander that the men had escaped with their lives. The officer who is capable of it is capable of understanding courage. We feel that he realizes the character of the sailors whom he is fighting. We feel that he must know how hopeless it is to struggle against them.

The name of the old Merrimac is

written in the history of the Confederacy. The new Merrimac—yesterday a poor, broken down, worthless collier—to-day takes its place proudly and fitly to mark the reunion of hearts and hands in this nation.—Denver News.

Honors Flow Freely.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ezekiels of this city were overwhelmed with good news yesterday. They received word that their son-in-law, Major W. A. Rafferty, of the Second cavalry, had received his commission as colonel and that another son-in-law, Lieutenant Charles Clark, of the Ninth infantry, had been promoted to be captain of a signal corps. Later came the intelligence that their daughter, Miss Nellie Ezekiels, had just graduated from the Columbia college, New York, law school with first honors.—Phoenix Enterprise.

Globe Railroad.

Construction work on the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern railroad is progressing satisfactorily. Yesterday the track had been laid three miles west of the sub-agency—15 miles from Geronimo. The pile driving crew was four miles this side of the sub-agency. Only about two miles of grade remains to be completed east of the Gila river. A grading outfit at work on the west side of the Gila, has a camp one mile from San Carlos. The building of the bridges over the Gila and San Carlos river is not expected to take longer than three weeks, and it is thought trains will be running into San Carlos by July 4th, although it may be a week or ten days after that date. Two car loads of mules for the contractors were received on Monday. Teams are in demand to haul coke for the United Globe mines. It is expected that the mail and coke for Globe will be hauled from the sub-agency in less than two weeks.—Silver Belt.